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DENSITY OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of people (per hundred peopl

(e) having telephone connections in the country;

(b) the density of telephone connections in the country at present;

(c) whether the Government considers telephone revolutions as a mile stone in the development of the country; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by the Government to expand the telecommunication network in rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The State-wise number of phones are given in Annexure.

(b) Over all tele density as on 31-10-2004 is 8.2%

(c) Yes, Sir. The increasing network of telecom services and their usage is contributing significantly to the over all socio- economic development of the country.

(d)

(i) A non-lapsable Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has been set up to fund telecom services in the rural and remote areas at affordable and reasonable prices. The scope of support from USOF scheme, apart from other services, covers VPTs in all revenue villages. As on 30-09-2004, 523390 villages out of 607491 villages have been connected through Village Public Telephones (VPTs).I

(ii) BSNL has planned at least one WLL Base Transceiver Station (BTS) in each Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCA) all over the country chiefly to cater to the demand in far-flung rural areas since this demand cannot be met feasible by laying underground cable due to techno-economic reasons.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE NUMBER OF PEOPLE (PER HUNDRED PEOPLE) HAVING TELEPHONE CONNECTION IN THE COUNTRY AS ON 31.10.2004

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Total Telephone (Fixed + Mobile)	Over all Teledensity
1	Andaman & Nicobar	46769	12.373
2	Andhra Pradesh	6932744	8.819
3	Assam	729539	2.597
4	Bihar	1676036	1.906
5	Chhattisgarh	366180	1.661
6	Gujrat	6200173	11.552
7	Haryana	2144557	9.605
8	Himachal Pradesh	758459	12.041
9	Jammu & Kashmir	464125	4.234
10	Jharkhand	635333	2.242

11	Karnataka	6122530	11.156
12	Kerala	5655309	17.160
13	Madhya Pradesh	2968492	4.613
14	Maharashtra (-) Mumbai	7815405	9.182
15	North East	439702	3.543
16	Orissa	1318101	3.453
17	Punjab	5497536	20.877
18	Rajasthan	3290704	5.464
19	Tamil Nadu (-) Chennai	6023812	10.329
20	Uttaranchal	500069	5.595
21	Uttar Pradesh	6488080	3.664
22	West Bengal (-) Kolkata	1788183	2.545
23	Kolkata	3186283	22.803
24	Chennai	3130444	46.260
25	Delhi	7188027	47.396
26	Mumbai	7252425	40.909
Total		88619017	8.195